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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 445.

Information has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that ARTILLERY PRACTICE will be held on the BATTERY on the 7th to 31st DECEMBER, 1893, (SUNDAYS EXCEPTED), between the hours of 8 A.M. and 5 P.M. From STONE CUTTER'S ISLAND in Western and South Western directions. From LYMOUTH in North Western, Western, Eastern and South Eastern directions. All Ships, Junks, and other Vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the ranges. By Command.
G. M. O'BRIEN, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office.
Hongkong, 1st December, 1893.

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MARRIAGE.

On the 2nd inst., at the Cathedral, Macao, Henry William Dixon, of Hongkong, to STEPHENIA MARIA DOUGLAS SANCHO.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 4th, 1893.

The more Sir Thomas Mowbray's action in promoting the landing of a French cable on the Australian shore is examined, the more ill-advised does it appear. There is, of course, no reason why permission should not be accorded for the landing of a foreign cable, but that the Governments of Queensland and New South Wales should have gone out of their way to assist it with a subsidy is remarkable, seeing that Australia can receive no commensurate benefits from the undertaking. Queensland's action in the matter appears to have been dictated solely by spite against the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, and she carried New South Wales with her. The former colony's long-standing bitterness against the Company arises from the fact that the first Australian cable was landed at Port Darwin instead of Normanton, thus making South Australia, Queensland's rival, the medium of communication with the other colonies. The reason for landing at Port Darwin was that the Company thereby saved the construction and maintenance of a long and expensive land line through a difficult country. The Queensland Government were mortally offended at this and have ever since exhibited extreme hostility to the Company. Sir John Finke, the Chairman of the Company, has, on several occasions, endeavored to remove the grievances by offering, at the Company's expense, to connect the Queensland telegraph by cable with the Eastern Extension at Port Darwin, but all his overtures have been rejected, and Queensland is now punishing its own merchants by making them pay at the old rate of 8s. 6d. per word for telegrams to England when they could enjoy the same benefits as the other colonies by joining the guarantee arrangement. That colony has now gone further and endeavored to encourage foreign cable enterprises, a proceeding which merits the severe censure passed upon it by Lord Kinnear. British Companies control the principal cable communications of the world, a fact which inspires some of the other nations with a lively envy, especially France, which has for some time past been working with a view to the establishment of French cables. The New Caledonia cable is an entirely French enterprise and the cable itself was manufactured in France. Sir Thomas Mowbray now affects to look upon it as a merely local affair, but the Company that it wants to make it the first link in a French cable to connect Canada, Australia, and it has succeeded in getting Queensland and New South Wales to help in support-

ing what, from that point of view, must be regarded as an anti-British enterprise. So far as it goes the cable offers no serious menace to British interests, and the idea of carrying it right across the Pacific is of course impracticable, for it would be very many years before it could pay as a commercial enterprise and neither the Australian Colonies nor Canada would contribute any subsidy to a foreign cable along that route. Queensland and New South Wales seem, indeed, already ashamed of the share they have taken in the small New Caledonia enterprise, as they have good reason to be, for their action shows how far parochial spite will sometimes override high Imperial interest in the minds of even leading and ordinarily patriotic statesmen.

Naturally the question of rates suggests itself in connection with any consideration of cable communications. Sir Thomas Mowbray's contention is that a rate of 1s. or 1s. 6d. a word from Australia to England would pay, but a rather significant commentary on this is the fact that over the short stretch of cable from Queensland to New Caledonia, which has the advantage of subsidies from France, from Queensland, and from New South Wales, the rate is 1s. 6d. a word. Of course if the various Governments liked to guarantee a specified dividend the rates could be fixed at any figure desired, the loss if any being made up by the taxpayers, but as long as the cables are worked on a commercial basis no must be prepared to see the cable companies sustaining every nerve to maintain their monopoly and the highest tariff they can extract from a long-suffering public. From the point of view of the shareholders in these companies and the position of trust occupied by their directors, could any higher compulsion be paid to them than this? To make big dividends and to prolong the period of doing so is what the directors are there for. Such at least is the view taken by shareholders in respect of our various local companies, and the cutting of rates of freight, which has diminished the earnings of the shipping concerns so woefully during the last few years, has not been viewed with universal favour, nor are the directors looked upon as spoilers of the public because they are now succeeding in putting rates up again. The advantages of cheap telegraphy, however, cannot be denied and all public bodies are bound to work for it with might and main, but always bearing in mind the impolicy of cutting off one's nose to spite one's face. There are Imperial interests to be considered that must outweigh any mere question of rates. If by encouraging foreign competition the cable rates were reduced below the paying point, or below a point which the management chose to declare was the paying point, the Government would be compelled to give a subsidy, for Great Britain could not afford to be dependent on foreigners for her telegraphic communication with her dependencies. From whatever point of view it is looked at, therefore, the negotiation for cheaper telegraphic rates should stop short of subsidizing foreign companies.

The P. & O. steamer *Manila* left Singapore for this port at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Mr. Colin M. Ford, an agent for British Consular at Amoy.

The remainder of the Shanghai Municipal Council's order for a Jubilee stamp has arrived.

The steamer *Galaxy*, recently reported as near Singapore, was towed off by H.M.S. *Palas*.

H.M.S. *Albatross*, Commander MacArthur, arrived at Shanghai on the 24th ult. from Port Hamilton.

The O. & S. steamer *Belgia*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Yokohama on the 30th ult.

Captain Charles Graham, late of Mr. Holt's China Line, has been appointed assistant editor of the *Liverpool Journal of Commerce*.

We would remind our readers of the French Consular Bureau, which is to be held at the City Hall on Friday evening, Dec. 5, 1893.

Lt. Wessington Hall for the evening year, and Lt. M. H. Bell for Treasurer.

Mr. Jones, the U. S. Consul-General at Shanghai, who only arrived at this port a few months ago, has had to take sick leave and some doubts are expressed as to his return.

A portion of the P. & O. line consisting of the *Yangtze*, *Wei Yang*, *Chih Yang*, *Ching Yang*, *Ching Yang*, and *Ching Yang* have received instructions to visit Hongkong, Saigon, Singapore, and Manila, and two of the vessels, we hear, will go on to Australia.

A Post Office notification states that on and after the 1st January next remittances between the ports of China should be made by postal notes, and after that date any remittance by means of a bill of exchange or other negotiable instrument will not be exchanged for cash at the General Post Office or its agencies.

Five have lately been unusually frequent at Shanghai. The Chinese, the *Mercury* says, have a superstitious explanation of this occurrence. They attribute it to revenge on the part of the Chinese, who were engaged by the Chinese to cross the shallow place in the Yangtze towards the end of this month.

A fire occurred at Shanghai on the 28th ult. on the French Consulate, which was attended by loss of life. Some five houses were destroyed and two children, aged respectively twelve months and four years, who were playing in one of the houses, could not be got out in time, the flames spreading so rapidly.

At Tien-yen, in Tookie, the other day, a Lieutenant named Goodie, while out walking, was attacked by a tiger. He was unarmed, but being a man of great strength he struggled with the beast, at the same time calling for assistance. In a few minutes some men of the Garrison came and killed the tiger, but not before Lieutenant Goodie had been seriously injured.

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